CHAPTER 115.

An Acr vesting certain powers in the Congress of the United States.

Consent of the state given to congress to appropriate money for keeping in repair the post-roads in the state.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this state do hereby give and grant their full approbation and consent that the congress of the United States may appropriate, towards the repairing, and keeping in repair, the post roads, or any one or more of them, within this state, such sum or sums of money as they in their wisdom may deem right, and to lay out and apply the same to said purpose in any manner they by law may direct, and to appoint any person or persons they may elect to see to the proper application of the money, according to the provisions that may be contained in any law they may pass for that purpose, and the person or persons appointed as aforesaid, shall have all the power, right and authority, that may be specified in said act of congress; Provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize congress to pass any law for the changing the direction of the

roads, or any of them, as now established, or to authorize them to pass a law for the opening of a new road; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the congress of the United States to vest in any person or persons whom they may appoint, a right to cut down or use the timber or other materials, of any person or persons whatever, against his, her or their consent; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall vest a right in the soil of any such road, or divest any right that any person or persons may be entitled

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to under any law establishing turnpike roads.

1716, ch. 16. An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act to restrain the ill-practices used by Sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias, and selling them by venditioni exponas.

An act repealed.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act, entitled, an act to restrain the ill-practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias, and selling them by venditioni exponas, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the seventeenth day of July, and ended the tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixteen, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, abrogated and made void.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act authorizing any person prosecuted for a Libel to give the truth in evidence.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in case any person or persons shall be prosecuted, by indict-